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Myles Standish State Forest

Park Phone Number: (508) 866-2526

Park Website: <http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/massparks/region-south/myles-standish-state-forest.html>

All programs are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Reasonable accommodations are available upon request.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 What's in a Bog?! 10:00am-11:00am The Path of the Turtle 1:00pm – 2:30pm
2 Cannonballs and Cranberries 10:00am-11:30am Family Bike Hike 1:00pm – 2:30pm	3	4	5 MSSF Secret Spots Hike 9:00am – 11:30am	6	7 Cutterfield Bird Watch: Migration Edition 9:00am – 10:30am Pine Barrens: A Stroll of Ice and Fire 1:00pm – 2:30pm	8 Animal Detectives 10:00am-11:30am Cannonballs and Cranberries 1:00pm – 2:30pm
9 What's in a Bog?! 10:00am-11:00am Indigenous Peoples before Myles Standish 1:00pm – 2:30pm	10	11	12 A Murder Most Fowl: The American Crow 1:00pm-2:30pm	13	14 Autumn Ramble 9:00am – 10:30am	15
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Program Descriptions

Title	Description
What's in a Bog?!	Why cranberries, of course, and a whole lot more! The harvest is almost here, so join us of a short walk out to a working bog to see the ripe berries as well as the wild life that lives on the bogs. For children and curious adults of all ages; all children must be accompanied by an adult. Meet in front of the Interpretive Center.
The Way of the Turtle	Turtles are wonderful, amazing creatures! Many species that make their home throughout MSSF, including one species you likely to only see here in this forest. We will learn about the general physical make-up and behavior of the turtles as well as how they breed, eat and protect themselves as well as how they transition to hibernation when winter finally comes to Massachusetts. Learn how to identify different species of turtles and meet the newest member of the DCR team, Shelly the Turtle! This all-ages program meets at the Interpretive Center in headquarters parking lot. Rain cancels.
Cannonballs and Cranberries	Join us for a hike around the Rocky Pond Cranberry Bog for the special Memorial Day program. The bogs of south eastern Massachusetts have always been vital to our communities but for different reasons over the centuries. Join us for this short walk around a working cranberry bog and explore the history of the bog, from iron production to cranberry agriculture. These bogs helped American achieve its independence by producing cannonballs that was used on the USS Constitution! Suitable for guests 12 and up. Meet at the Rock Pond Cranberry Bog Parking Lot on Bare Hill Road near Rocky Pond. Rain cancels.
Family Bike Hike	Come explore the nature and history of Myles Standish State Forest on this leisurely and informative bike ride. We will follow the paved bike trails within the forest on a 4 miles loop and learn about the plants and animals that make their home right here in Myles Standish State Forest. Program is for adults and children 10 years old and up; younger children in carriers with a helmet are welcome. All participants must have their own bike and wear a bike helmet (no exceptions!), and bring water. Meets at Interpretive Center in Headquarters parking lot. Rain cancels.
Myles Standish Secret Spots	Join the Park Interpreter on a recreational hike into a secret part of Myles Standish State Forest. On this hike we will explore the newly acquired Wildlife Management Area along Frogfoot Brook and the newly cleared "edge land"

	<p>designed to attract more New England Cottontail to the forest. Each hike travels along different trails to an interesting and little known part of the forest. Adults and older children who can hike 4 to 5 miles of moderately difficult trails. All children must be accompanied by an adult. For a trail map, including parking lots, visit http://www.mass.gov/eea/docs/dcr/parks/trails/mssf1.pdf. Rain cancels.</p>
Cutterfield Bird Watch	<p>An informal bird watching program in one of MSSF premier bird watching locations. Meets at Fearing Pond Day Use Parking Lot with a short walk over to Cutter Field Road to explore the birds that make their home here in the summer. This is for beginner birders; please bring binoculars if you have them – or borrow a pair of ours if you do not. Note: the Day Use Area parking lot will be open for this program only, all cars must leave the lot by end the of the program so we can lock the gates. Suitable for guests 10 and up. Rain cancels.</p>
Pine Barrens: A Stroll of Ice and Fire	<p>This is a forest born of ice and of fire, shaped by the human hands and by changing climates. Myles Standish is one of America’s largest pine barrens. We will discuss the geological and natural history of the forest from Native American hunters to visitors of the forest today. You will also learn how to identify the major types of plants that populate the pine barrens of South Eastern Massachusetts. This moderately challenging, 1.6 mile hike meets at Parking Lot 2 on Upper College Pond Road. Suitable for Guests 10 and up. Rain cancels.</p>
Animal Detectives	<p>Animal tracks tell the story of wildlife in the forest. Where they go, what they eat, and what’s trying to eat them. Come enjoy the story of the animals of Myles Standish by learning how to identify different species in the forest like deer, fox, coyote, rabbit, and turkey. Learn to identify some of the most common types of tracks in the forest with a complimentary animal track guide. This all ages program meet at the Interpretive Center in Headquarters Parking lot. Rain cancels.</p>
Indigenous Life Before Myles Standish	<p>What was life like here in Massachusetts before 1620 and the arrival of the Pilgrims to Plymouth? How did Native Americans in this region live? This program will explore the lives, culture and practices of local Wampanoag people and other local Algonquin tribes. We will discuss what was life was like here prior to the arrival of Europeans and how thing dramatically changed after their arrival. Suitable for guests 12 and up, this program seeks to fairly and respectfully examine this complex history from as many sides as possible. Meet at Interpretive Center in the Headquarters parking lot. Rain or shine.</p>
Murder Most Fowl: The American Crow	<p>Crows are some of the smartest and most social birds in the world. Did you know they use tools to find food and can live in colonies of over a million crows?! Come explore the amazing behavior of these fascinating creatures as we learn how crows thrive in a variety of environments. Also come learn how different cultures have viewed crows throughout history and how these beliefs are indicative to the behavior of crows. This all-ages program meets at the Interpretive Center in Headquarters parking lot. Rain or shine.</p>

Autumn Ramble

The leaves are changing and there is a bite to the air, time to get moving and learn a little about nature while we do it. The Easthead Reservoir has some of the most beautiful and diverse eco-communities in the park. On this lovely and relatively flat 2.6 mile hike around the pond we will explore the flora and fauna that live on, in and around this essential water source as they transition from summer to winter. The all-ages program follows the path of the Heart Healthy Trail and meets at the Interpretive Center in the Headquarters parking lot. Rain cancels.